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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF SEVENTY-THREE FIRE ENGINES AND THREE QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS (ALL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation of bid and acquisition of seventy-three fire engines and three quint-type aerial ladder apparatus. A fire engine costs approximately \$320,000 and a quint costs approximately \$660,000. These purchase requests exceed the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This acquisition is consistent with the District's 20 year replacement schedule for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of first line service and 5 years of reserve service and the quints will improve the District's ability to provide effective public safety services. The fire engines and quints will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, more cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines.

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# IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total estimated cost of the fire engines and quints is approximately \$25,340,000. The District is exploring financial options, such as lease purchase, to determine the most favorable and cost effective financing alternative. Adequate funding will be available in fiscal year 2005-06 based on the selected financing option. Fire engine and quint maintenance will be funded from the District's operating budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

The nature of response requirements, fire fighting and automotive technology and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements has changed dramatically over the last 20-year period and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's Purchasing policies and procedures, established by Internal Services Department.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

The fire engines and quints will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost effective manner.

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# **CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return adopted copies of this letter to:

 Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District Materials Management Division 5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief

Internal Services Department
 Purchasing Division
 1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
 Los Angeles, CA 90063
 Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Administrative Office County Counsel Auditor-Controller